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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Jennings DATE TYPED 2/23/05 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Cramming and Slamming Attorney Fee SB 901

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			Minimal		

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Administrative Office the Courts (AOC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 901 amends Section 63-9G-5 NMSA 1978 to provide for the awarding of reasonable attorney fees to a customer, upon a finding by the Public Regulation Commission that a provider engaged in cramming or slamming , disconnected or threatened to disconnect a customer's local exchange service.

#### Significant Issues

This will allow a consumer to recover legitimate expenses in defending mistreatment by a telephone company.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be a minimal administrative cost for statewide update, distribution, and documentation of statutory changes. Any additional fiscal impact on the judiciary would be proportional to the enforcement of this law and commenced proceedings. New laws, amendments to existing laws, and new hearings have the potential to increase caseloads in the courts, thus requiring additional resources to handle the increase.

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